

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as set forth below.

1. (Amended) A gripper assembly which comprises:
a body;
an actuator coupled to the body;
at least one jaw member first and second opposable jaw members being
pivotal with respect to the body pivotable in opposite directions about coincident axes;
wherein the each jaw member comprises a cam slot;
wherein the each cam slot is a space formed by opposed cam walls located
in the jaw ~~arm~~member;
wherein the cam walls form a locking portion and a pivoting portion;
wherein the distance between the cam walls of the locking portion is
substantially equal to the distance between the cam walls of the pivoting portion;
a cam pin attached to the actuator;
wherein a portion the cam pin is located and movable in the cam slot.
2. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the
locking portion is substantially a straight slot portion.
3. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the
pivoting portion is substantially a curved slot portion.
4. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the
slot is closed at each end.
5. (Cancel) The gripper assembly according to Claim 2, wherein the at
least one jaw member is a plurality of jaw members.

6. (Amended) The gripper assembly according to Claim 5~~1~~, further comprising a rod that is engagable by the actuator and connected to the cam pin.

7. (New) A modular gripper assembly which comprises:

a body having a fluid driven actuator;

a first and second jaw members;

wherein the jaw members are caused to move by the fluid driven actuator;

wherein the jaw members are pivotal about an axis in opposed directions;

wherein the jaw member has a through-slot disposed therein;

wherein the through-slot has first and second closed ends;

wherein the through-slot has first and second locking segments located between the first and second closed ends; and,

wherein the first locking segment is located adjacent the first closed end and the second locking segment is located adjacent the second closed end;

a pin extending into the through-slot, movable therein between the first and second closed ends.

8. (New) The modular gripper assembly of Claim 1, wherein the through-slot is composed of a first and second segment.

9. (New) The modular gripper assembly of Claim 1, wherein the first locking segment locks the jaw members in a closed position until driven by the actuator.

10. (New) The modular gripper assembly of Claim 1, wherein the second locking segment locks the jaw members in an open position until driven by the actuator.

11. (New) The modular gripper assembly of Claim 1 further comprises a central pivoting segment located between the first and second locking segments.